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1st May 1875.*

- No. 13. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, R.E., Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Luckady, 21st April 1875, No. 330 :—

I HAVE this day forwarded an application, through the Controller of Public Works Accounts, for six months' furlough to England on private affairs and fifteen days' preparatory leave from 1st June or date of departure. I have made the application most reluctantly, both on account of the scarcity at present of officers present with the Department and also because I would have preferred to have delayed asking until my work had been thoroughly completed; but if I refrained from so doing on account of private matters, which are of a pressing nature, I should be compelled by considerations of health, a severe accident I met with at the commencement of last monsoon, and the heavy work of the past season, having rendered a short rest and change absolutely necessary; the duration of my leave would permit of my return in time for next working season.

2. I have further to ask that, for the present, no change may be made in the existing arrangements for carrying on Public Works in Wynaad, and I am certain that, from what His Excellency the Governor must have observed on his late tour in the district, he is probably of the opinion that no change is advisable until the present scheme of roads is completed. On the main lines from each of the ghauts to the frontier not very much more remains to be done, but the almost equally important district roads from Nadgany through Davalla, Charambady and Moopyanad to Chundale, from Vythery through Terriote to Manantoddy, from Koroth to Periah and Pannamorom, and from Sultan's Battery to Goodalore all demand the most constant careful supervision of officers thoroughly acquainted with the working of the district, and who can give up their whole time to such supervision.

3. In the event of my application for leave and for existing arrangements being sanctioned, I presume Mr. Pringle will take charge of my duties, and I would beg to recommend that Mr. Potter, who was before in charge of the Goodalore Range, and who also having worked in the district as an Overseer is well acquainted with it, be put in charge of the North Wynaad Range; an arrangement which will also work well as I understand from Mr. Pringle, now in charge of the range, that he is anxious to obtain leave on my return. Mr. Potter I know would like to come back to Wynaad, and a volunteer for this district is worth having.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1875, No. 1,223.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 2.

THE leave applied for by Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy is granted, and the re-arrangement of the Wynaad and Malabar Ranges postponed till further orders.

2. Mr. Potter cannot be spared from Madura, and Mr. Pringle must take sole charge of Wynaad during Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy's absence. Mr. Pringle will also be expected to postpone taking his leave till after next working season.

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1st May 1875.

3. The Department is very shorthanded at present.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

N. 330. Special Executive Engineer's Office,
Suckadee, Wynnad, 21st April 1875.

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To

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,
W. D. Newell Lt Colonel,
Spt. Engr. Engineer, Wynnad

Collected
P.M.

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Read the following:

From
The Spl. Co. Engineer } (N. E. 22330) 21 April
 } 1875.
G.O. No. 1223 of 1st May 1875

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will be able to
take charge of the
Irynaad Range.

12230
The Spl. Co. Engineer
to the Secy to Government
Public Works Dept.
Madras.
No. 330
Dated 21st
April 1875
Applied for 6 months
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on alternate officers &
15 days preparation
leave from 1st June
on date of departure.
D.O. No. 1223. 1st May 1875

leave till after next
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The Department is
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present.

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Govt. of Madras.

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To

Very respectfully
The Secy. Gen.,
Wynaad.

Noted

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NO. 13-14

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